



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 675

Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
on April 25, 2007*

SUMMARY

CBO estimates that implementing S. 675 would cost \$69 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Funds would be used by the Department of Commerce to provide grants to eligible entities to increase the number of realtime writers available to provide closed-captioning services for video programming. The grants would be used by court-reporting programs for both training and job-placement assistance.

Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 675 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA); the bill could benefit public institutions of higher education.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 675 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that \$20 million authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 will be appropriated for each year and that outlays will follow historical trends for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	20	20	20	20	20
Estimated Outlays	2	11	16	20	20

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 675 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would authorize grant funds that could benefit public institutions of higher education. Any costs they might incur would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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